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REMARKS

By this submission, claims 1 – 87 were canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. New claims 88 – 117 were added. Therefore, claims 88 – 117 are now pending in the present application. Consideration of these new claims is respectfully requested.

With regard to the prior art (such as **Choudhury et al.** (USP 5,509,074); **Butter et al.** (USP 5,381,480); and **Atalla** (USP 4,588,991)) relied upon in rejecting previous claims, it is submitted that new claims 88 – 117 patentably distinguish over the prior art by reciting a user terminal/data copyright management system that cooperates with a separate copyright management center, database, and/or key center in the specific manner recited in the new claims. Nothing in the prior art teaches or suggests the present claimed cooperation between a user terminal/data copyright management system and a copyright management center, database and/or key center.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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The Commission is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866 for any fee which is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be required to effect consideration of this statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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